# BULLETIN #147 / December 29th, 2019 SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

in New Caney, Texas

# ...Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (EPHESIANS 5:20)



## WELCOME

Sinners are welcome at our church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an *imperfect* pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" JOSEPH D MURPHY, PASTOR

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Sunday, 10 AM 2 TIMOTHY **ENGLISH** 

Sunday, 11 AM **PSALMS ENGLISH** 

Domingo, 6 PM **ROMANOS ESPAÑOL** 

Wednesday, 7 PM 1 CORINTHIANS **ENGLISH** 

#### **SERVICE TIMES**

# **ENGLISH**

**Bible Classes** Sun, 10 AM **Worship Service** Sun, 11 AM **Bible Study** Wed, 7 PM

**ESPAÑOL** 

Servicio de Adoración Dom, 6 PM

#### **AUDIO PODCASTS**

**AVAILABLE ON ITUNES AND GOOGLE PLAY** 

**Purposed Grace Sermons Purposed Grace Articles** 

**DISPONIBLE EN ITUNES Y GOOGLE PLAY** 

Propósito y Gracia, Sermones Propósito y Gracia, Artículos

NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR 4 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER / GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE

#### RECENT PODCASTS

#### RECENT SERMONS

Help us, O God (PSALM 79)

No flesh should glory (1 Cor 1:24-31)

Remembrance of Him... (LUKE 22:19-20)

#### SERMONES RECIENTES

**Justificado por Fe** (Rom 3:24) Cristo vino para salvar... (1 TIM 1:15) Nacimiento Nuevo (JUAN 3:7)

#### DIRECTIONS

We are situated 1 mile south of the Denny's Restaurant located right by the corner of US Highway 59 and State Highway 242.

Show up early and have a cup of coffee with us! 9:30 & 10:30 AM



# **CHRISTMAS QUESTIONS**

"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN: AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER: AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE" (ISAIAH 9:6)

During this festive holiday season, everyone is compelled to think about the fact that Jesus Christ once lived in this world, walked among men, and died as a cursed felon upon a Roman cross. I am thankful for that fact. Here are four questions which every thoughtful person ought to seek satisfactory answers.

Who is Jesus Christ? Men everywhere talk about Jesus. They write songs about him, make movies about him, and write books about him. But who is he? For the answer to that question we must look to the pages of sacred scripture. Jesus Christ is himself the eternal God. The scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments proclaim that Christ is God (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1; Romans 9:5). He is God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. He is God our Savior. While He was upon the earth, our Lord claimed to be God; and His apostles worshipped Him as God. Jesus Christ is God the Eternal Son-equal in power. wisdom, glory, and Being with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Let others deny His divinity, if they dare. Every true believer knows that "in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." We have this witness in our hearts which we cannot deny (1 John 5:10). And our Savior is the perfect man. He is the Godman, our Mediator. We do not pretend to understand the mystery of the incarnation; but we do believe it and rejoice in it (Philippians 2:6-8). As a real man, our Lord lived upon the earth in perfect righteousness, died, rose again, and ascended into glory.

Why did the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, come into this world? He came to do His Father's will (Hebrews 10:7). He came to save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21; I Timothy 1:15). He came to lay down his life for His sheep (John 10:11,14,19). The Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, came into the world to die as a substitute in the place of chosen sinners, delivering us from the curse of the law (Galatians 1:4; 3:13).

What has the Son of God done? He has finished the work committed to Him by His Father. He has accomplished His Father's will. He fulfilled everything required by the righteousness and justice of God for the salvation of sinners (John 17:4). The Lord Jesus Christ accomplished perfect righteousness for us.

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He died in the place of sinners, satisfying the claims of justice, the penalty of the law, and the wrath of God for us, putting away our sins. In a word - He "obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:12).

Where is this crucified substitute now? The God-man, our Savior, is exalted to the right hand of the majesty on high (Hebrews 10:11-14). Today, Jesus Christ sits in heaven as the High Priest in Zion, making intercession for His people. He sits upon the throne of sovereign dominion, ruling all things as King of kings and Lord of lords for the salvation of God's elect. In sovereign serenity the King sits upon His throne awaiting the fulfilling of all things, the salvation of all His people, and the defeat of all His enemies. Do you know this Christ, this Savior, this King, this God? Do you trust Him? — DON FORTNER

# SOMEONE IS LYING?

"AS THE FATHER KNOWETH ME, EVEN SO KNOW I THE FATHER: AND I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP" (JOHN 10:15)

Who is spreading lies across America and throughout the world? Who is it that is telling around that the Lord Jesus Christ ransomed some who are not ransomed? That He redeemed some who are not actually redeemed? Atoned for the sins of some whose sins are not covered? Purged the sins of some whose sins have not been purged? Became a Substitute for some who must yet answer unto God for themselves? Died for the sins of some who must yet die for their own sins? And prays for some who shall never benefit from His prayers?

Who dares to utter such blasphemy against the living God? Who would so impugn and malign God in His wisdom and purpose, holiness and justice, love, power and grace? Who would be so irreverent and impudent as to speak, or even believe such things?

Who? The vast majority of preachers throughout the world—most of our religious neighbors and those who preach to them! Pity them but do not excuse them... they ought to be ashamed of themselves! To say that Christ suffered and died for those who had already been in hell 4,000 years when He died, or to say that His soul was made an offering for sin for those whom God knew-being omniscient —would never believe the gospel when they heard it, or that God ever purposed anything that He shall not bring to pass, is a confession of one's ignorance of the God of the Bible. — MAURICE MONTGOMERY

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# This is the doctrine that we preach!

"WHOSOEVER TRANSGRESSETH, AND ABIDETH NOT IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, HATH NOT GOD. HE THAT ABIDETH IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, HE HATH BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON" (2 JOHN 1:9)

This is the doctrine that we preach:

If a man is saved—all the honor is to be given to Christ.

If a man is lost—all the blame is to be laid upon himself.

You will find all true theology summed up in these two short sentences: Salvation is all of the grace of God!

Damnation is all of the will of man! — CHARLES SPURGEON

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

# MAN'S RELIGION VS GOD'S RELIGION

"AND HE TREMBLING AND ASTONISHED SAID. LORD. WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO? AND THE LORD SAID. UNTO HIM, ARISE, AND GO INTO THE CITY, AND IT SHALL BE TOLD THEE WHAT THOU MUST DO" (ACTS 9:6)

Man's religion is to build up the creature in good works, in piety, in hearing the word, in reading religious authors, in activity, in all the busy ferment and excitement of societies and schools. God's religion is to throw the creature down into the dust of self-abasement and self-abhorrence. — J.C. PHILPOT

#### **CALENDAR 2019 / 2020**

LIP COMING EVENTS

**Fellowship Luncheon January 5th** (At the parsonage)

**Grace Conference** Feb 21, 22, 23

**Donnie Bell, Don Fortner** 

### **RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

bookshelf.sovereigngrace.us

Useless Kinds of Religion, J.C. Ryle Spiritual Autobiography, Joseph Hart Prodigal Blessing Joseph Hart, J.A. Kingham

"Prove all things..." / "Examinadlo todo..."

librero.iglesiadegracia.us

Artículos de Gracia 2018, Joseph D Murphy Las ovejas oyen la Voz, Cody Groover Inmundo o Santo, Joseph D Murphy

If the Lord puts it on your heart, visit us and "Come and see" / Si el Señor quiere, "Ven y ve"